

OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Global Foot-and-Mouth Disease Research Alliance (GFRA) will award two types of grants: (1) Frontier's Research Topic publication waiver program and (2) and short-term FMD-GAP project grants "GFRA GAP-GRANT."

- (1) *The GFRA has allocated a total of USD 10,000 for assisting researchers of low middle-income countries who presented their work at the 2021 GFRA meeting with the Frontier's publishing fee.*
- (2) *For the first time the GFRA is launching a CALL for proposals for short research activities (USD 5,000 each).*

DEADLINE: August 5th No proposals will be accepted after that date

(1) WAIVER PROGRAM: FRONTIERS PUBLICATION FEE

THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL THE GFRA 2021 CONTRIBUTORS

The GFRA is hosting a Research Topic in Frontiers in Veterinary Science titled: Foot-And-Mouth Disease Epidemiology, Vaccines, and Vaccination: Moving Forward:

https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/31689/foot-and-mouth-disease-epidemiology-vaccines-and-vaccination-moving-forward?utm_source=F-RTM&utm_medium=TED1&utm_campaign=PRD TED1 T1 RT-TITLE#overview

Because we want all our members to be part of this Research Topic, the GFRA is willing to help the GFRA 2021 participants who cannot afford the publication fee.

The GFRA ExCo offers a complete or partial fee waiver on a case-by-case basis for authors who participated in the virtual GFRA 2021 meeting with a poster or an oral presentation. Special attention will be given to groups affiliated with a university or institute in low-income or lower / middle-income economies. If the author group includes researchers from universities or institutes in high-income economies, the publication fee will likely not be waived.

Apply to this waiver program by completing the form following the link below*:

<https://www.ars.usda.gov/gfra/events/Call%20for%20Proposals%202022/Waiver%20Program%20Form%20-%20Fillable%20Form.pdf>

This is the information we require:

- Names and titles of all authors.
- Institutional affiliations of all authors.
- Abstract
- Type of waiver requested: Partial or Full.
- Reason for a waiver application.
- Please explain how the research has been funded.

Please note that applications lacking any of the information will not be evaluated.

**Please send us an e-mail to receive the electronic form at gfra-fmd@outlook.com*

(2) The GFRA is launching the first GAP-GRANT

This is a funding call to support 4 short 1 year projects with USD 5,000 each.

To be considered eligible for the GAP-GRANT funding, the project must be executed by one of our member/partner organizations. Please check if your organization has signed the GFRA MOU before preparing your application (<https://www.ars.usda.gov/GFRA/partnerships.htm>).

Special attention will be given to proposals from low-middle income country scientists who presented their work at the GFRA 2021 meeting.

The funds can be used to run a research project, for travelling to pursue training or research activities, or to complete an ongoing project.

The proposal must support at least one of the strategic directions outlined in the GFRA GAP analysis and detailed in the 2018 GAP Analysis Workshop Report:

<https://www.ars.usda.gov/ARSUserFiles/np103/SymposiumWorkshopsMeetings/GFRA%20Gap%20Analysis%20Workshop%20Report%20December%202018%20Final.pdf>

Specific goals include improving diagnostic tests to rapidly identify new disease strains, epidemiological research to better understand virus transmission, host range specificity, and the domestic-wildlife interface; develop safe and effective vaccines specifically designed for control and eradication;) develop biotherapeutics or modulators of innate immunity that can significantly improve the onset of protective immunity and disease resistance.

Results of all funded projects as well as activities performed by visiting researchers will be presented during our next 2023 GFRA meeting. The reports will also be published in our Newsletter.

The applications must fit one of the following categories:

1- Helping with Research Stays for Visiting Researchers

The purpose of this call is to create a framework to encourage more international collaboration between members.

This call will provide money up to USD 5,000 to cover travel expenses, accommodation and/or laboratory consumables to support a collaborative project or training. The beneficiaries should inform the outcome of the activity at the end of the duration period (maximum 6 months).

Special attention will be given to scientists from low-middle income countries.

2- Innovative short-term project

Project duration: 12 months

Our call Innovation Projects is aimed to members to pursue a short R&D high-impact project.

3- Additional funding to complete an ongoing project

Project duration: 12 months

This call is aimed to assist with a collaborative project between members to complete a particular activity that can be informed by the end of the duration period.

For all these categories, we will require a report or research paper that was published as a result of the visit within 3 months after the grant period finished.

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete the form online by clicking on the following link:

- <https://www.ars.usda.gov/gfra/events/Call%20for%20Proposals%202022/Waiver%20Program%20Form%20-%20Fillable%20Form.pdf>
- Apart from general information, the system will ask you to upload the following files:
 - (1) Description of the proposed project** (maximum 2000 words)
Structure: Rationale-Objectives-Experimental Design-Expected Outputs
 - (2) Budget**
Budget should not exceed USD 5,000.
This project will not cover costs of salaries, infrastructure, courses or congress registration fees.
Eligible items are consumables, animals, travel/subsistence
The period cannot exceed 12 months. For visiting researchers, the limit is 6 months.
 - (3) CV of the Principal Investigator**
Provide a short CV (1200 words)
 - (4) CV of the visiting scientist and the approval letters from the visitor's organization and the hosting organization.**
Provide a short CV of the visiting scientist (1200 words) and letters of acceptance of both organization in a unique PDF file